



## ***Bioterrorism Preparedness Training for LRN Sentinel Laboratories***

### **Free Interactive Online Course!**

- ♦ Document your competency
- ♦ Learn at your convenience

#### **Comments From Our Students:**

**“Clear and fun to learn”**

**“Excellent and up-to-date information”**

**“I especially liked the links to more information”**

**“Very informative, especially for someone who hasn’t worked in micro for some time. I recommend this course to everyone who works in a clinical laboratory.”**



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#### **Course Content**

This intermediate-level course consists of interactive modules that provide the learner with information about the Laboratory Response Network (LRN) and four microorganisms that could be implicated in a bioterrorism event.

Each module opens with information about the organism under study and then proceeds to a story-based simulation in which the learners engage themselves in defined laboratory-related scenarios. At intervals, the learners make multiple-choice decisions characteristic of decisions they would make in a real job situation.

Laboratory managers may consider using this course to assess competency of their staff to accurately perform the relevant laboratory procedures and to correctly refer specimens for confirmatory testing.

Courses begin the first day of each month. You may select all or one or more modules, as desired: Anthrax, Brucella, Plague, Tularemia and/or Laboratory Response Network.

#### **Objectives:**

Following the completion of the five training modules, participants will be able to:

- ⇒ Describe laboratory protocols and algorithms for identification of *B. anthracis*, *Brucella*, *Y. pestis*, and *F. tularensis*.
- ⇒ Describe how to RULE-OUT or REFER specimens for *B. anthracis*, *Brucella*, *Y. pestis*, and *F. tularensis*.
- ⇒ Discuss the role of the sentinel laboratory in bioterrorism preparedness and response.
- ⇒ List selected bioterrorism response-related websites described in the modules.

#### **Continuing Education**

The Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program. Participants who successfully complete these modules will be awarded 1.5 contact hours for each module (7.5 hours total).

The National Laboratory Training Network is a training system sponsored by the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Interested? Register at: <http://www.bttrain.org>**